President : How is the Government concerned about it ?

All-Travancore Library Association.

67. *Mr. **N. Narayana Kurup :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received any representation from the All-Travancore Library Association ;

(*b*) if so, when ;

(*c*) what action has been taken on it ;

(*d*) whether the Government have given any grant for that Association for 1121 for the proper conduct and organisation of the libraries in the State ?

Mr. Kainikkara M. Padmanabha Pillai : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 20-12-1945.

(*c*) The matter is under consideration.

(*d*) Yes. A lump sum grant of Rs. 100 has been paid to the Association for 1121.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : May I know whether this Association has done any work by way of organisation ?

Mr. Kainikkara M. Padmanabha Pillai : A memorandum submitted by them says that they have made a survey of this condition of the libraries in the State, affiliated 71 libraries, revived a few and established a few.

Management of the State Transport.

68. *Mr. **Paul A. Thaliath :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have any scheme to transfer the management of the State Transport Services to any individual or Company ;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, the name of the individual or Company ;

(*c*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the negative, whether they have any idea to transfer the entire mechanical side (repair, upkeep etc.,) to any one ; and

(*d*) if the answer to (*c*) is in the affirmative, the name of the party ?

Mr. N. Ramamurti *(Director of Transport)* : *(a)* and *(c)* There are no such schemes before Government.

(b) and *(d)* do not arise.

Transport Department.

69. *Mr. **G. Ravi Varma :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether there was any idea with the Government of entrusting the Transport Department to a limited company last year or early this year ;

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(b) if so, what induced the Government to consider such a course of action ; and

(c) whether they have any idea at present to take such a step ?

Mr. N. Ramamurti : *(a)* No.

(b) and *(c)* Do not arise.

Mr. G. Ravi Varma : May I know from the member whether there was not a resolution to that effect to be moved by the official member in one of the sessions of the Council last year ?

Mr. N. Ramamurti : The resolution that should have been moved by the official member was to consider the future policy in the matter from the point of view of the desirability of forming a public limited company and was intended to ascertain the opinion of the House.

Waiting sheds at Alwaye and Parur.

70. ***Mr. Paul A. Thaliath :** Will the Government be pleased to state whether any representation has been received about the construction of waiting sheds at Alwaye and Parur for passengers who travel in the State Transport buses ?

Mr. N. Ramamurti : Yes ; the matter is receiving attention.

Mr. Paul A Thaliath : May I know when Government will be able to come to a decision in this matter ?

Mr. N. Ramamurti : Very soon, Sir.

President : Has not something been done ?

Mr. N. Ramamurti : No, Sir. We are negotiating with the South Indian Railway Company.

State Transport Buses.

71. ***Mr. K. Shahul Hameed :** Will the Government be pleased to state the number of new buses put on the road for service by the State Transport Department during the year 1121 ?

Mr. N. Ramamurti : 35.

State Transport Buses.

72. ***Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) the number of State Transport buses in service at present throughout the entire State :

(b) the number of State Transport buses in service in 1120 ;

(c) the number of buses added to the State Transport Service during 1121 ;

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